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REF (A) EC BRUSSELS 5106, (B) EC BRUSSELS 5105

- 1. SUMMARY. EC COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS INFORM US OF BARIOUS PROPOSALS BY THE NINE REGARDING A INAL CIEC CONSENSUS ON A COMMON FUND. IN ADDITION, THESE OFFICIALS POINT OUT SEVERAL G-19 DEMANDS, ESPECIALLY A NEW ALLOCATION OF SDRS. END SUMMARY
- 2. EC COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED MISSION OF CURRENT PROPOSALS REGARDING CIEC COMMON FUND DISCUSSIONS, WHICH THE NINE WILL TAKE UP IN PARIS ON MAY 24. THE FOLLOWING ARE FOUR PROPOSALS FOR A CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON THE COMMON FUND: BEGIN TEXT.

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A. A SIMPLE MENTION OF THE STATEMENT OF THE ROME SUMMIT MEETING: QUOTE: THERE SHOULD BE A COMMON FUND. UNQUOTE. THIS FORMULA IS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OF THE NINE. THE UK AND FRG DELEGATIONS DO NOT WANT TO GO BEYOND THIS STATEMENT.

B. A PROPOSAL BY COMMISSION CO CHAIRMAN FOR DEVELOPMENT,

WELLENSTEIN: QUOTE: THERE SHOULD BE A COMMON FUND WITH APPROPRIATE WAYS OF FINANCING. UNQUOTE. MOST OF THE NINE SEEM TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS FORMULA. THE IRISH DELEGATION, HOWEVER, IS UNCERTAIN THAT IT CAN GO THIS FAR.

C. THE FRENCH HAVE PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING TEXT: QUOTE: THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN CIEC AGREED THAT A COMMON FUND SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AS A NEW MECHANISM WHICH SHALL SERVE AS ONE OF THE MAIN INSTRUMENTS FOR ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES AS EMBODIED IN RESOLUTION 93 (IV) AND FUNCTION AS A WAY OF HELPING TO MEET THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS WHICH COULD BE SETTLED TO STABILIZE PRICES. A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND SHOULD BEHELD NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1977 IN ORDER TO BE IN A POSITION TO ESTABLISH A COMMON FUND IN PARALLEL WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT COMMODITIES AGREEMENTS. UNQUOTE

D. THE DUTCH DELEGATION, SUPPORTED BY THE DANES, PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING: QUOE: APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES WILL BE CONSIDERED, WHICH SHOULD SAFEGUARD THE FUNCTION OF A COMMON FUND AS A CATALYST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. UNQUOTE

- 2. COUNCIL OFFICIALS ASK THAT THE US OFFICIALS PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION.
- 3. EC COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT EC OFFICIALS MET WITH PEREZ GUERRERO ON MAY 13 CONCERNING G-19 MAJOR POINTS FOR FINAL CIEC CONSENSUS. PEREZ GUERRERO BROUGHT UP A NEW REQUEST, CONFIDENTIAL.

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I.E., THAT THE CIEC SHOULD SUPPORT A NEW ALLOATION OF SDRS.
THE G-19 ALSO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE APERIODIC REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE REAL VALUE OF THE PRICES OF LDC COMMODITY EXPORTS. THE G-19, ACCORDING TO PG, IS NOT ASKING FOR THE INDEXATION OF LDC COMMODITIES.
PEREZ GUERRERO OFFERED NO COMMENT REGARDING THE THREE MAIN EC ISSUES: A) ACCESS TO SUPPLY OF LDC RAW MATERIALS; B) PROTECTION OF FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN LDCS; AND 3) CONTINUATION OF CONSULTATIONS ON ENERGY. EC OFFICIALS SAYS THAT THIS LATTER POINT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO THE EC IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC THAT THE DIALOGUE HAS OBTAINDD USEFUL RESULTS. OTHER POINTS RAISED BY PEREZ GUERRERO HAVE INCLUDED INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE SPECIAL ACTION, INVOLVING UNCTAD IN AN INTERNATIONAL STUDY OF STABEX AND A DESIRE TO PRESS FOR FURTHER RELIEF OF LDC DEBTS IN UNCTAD. HINTON

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